



# FREEDOM WATCH



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## News briefs

### Civil Affairs holds fundraiser

The 489<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion is scheduled to host a fundraiser for the Khairkhana Children's Center at the Bagram Air Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation building Sunday at noon, local. Activities will include a bazaar and Celebration for Life show. The Khairkhana Children's Center provides, shelter and educational opportunities for some 750 Afghan boys and girls ranging in age from 4-14. Most of the children have been orphaned, but the center also has an open door policy toward children whose parents are unable to provide for them due to war-related disability.

### Sniper search goes west

TACOMA, Wash. — Federal authorities searched a yard outside a duplex in a residential neighborhood here Wednesday afternoon in what law enforcement officials said was a connection to the sniper investigation 2,400 miles

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## KWO gives women voice in Afghanistan

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For 23 years, war has forced the women of Afghanistan to adapt to a hostile environment.

Since U.S. forces arrived, they had to adapt to another change—peace and a slow return of women's rights throughout Afghanistan.

The women in Konduz, Afghanistan, have established an or-

ganization for women. They are refusing to remain unskilled, undereducated and unheard.

"During the Taliban, such organizations were illegal," explained Sema, the deputy director of the Konduz Women's Organization. "The people, both men and women, realize the importance for an organization such as this for our society. Men and women in the Konduz re-

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Sema, Deputy Director of the Konduz Women's Organization, sits at the head of a meeting with teachers.

## New post office offers expanded service at Bagram

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Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan — The Bagram Air Base post office moved from their office in Motel 6 to Echo Drive, next to the Joint Personnel Reception Center.

Along with the new location and larger workspace, the 329th Postal Company, from Fort Snelling, Minn., also added new hours and a new service.



From left to right Spc. Annabel Campos, Pfc. Iashia Washington and Spc. Thomas Sampson laundry specialists with the 229th Quartermaster Company sort out laundry.

The larger facility allows the team to run two customer service counters, reducing the wait time by half.

"I feel like I can

better serve the customers; everyone seems to like it more," said Spc. Sam Nixa, 175<sup>th</sup> Postal, finance clerk.

The building was in construction from June until the day the facility opened in early October.

It now provides an inspection area, wrapping tables, two customer service lines and a classroom to teach new mail clerks and orderlies.

The facility makes the job easier for the unit mail clerks.

"Units can now drive right up to the building to pick up the

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mail. At the old location, only one or two people could pick up the mail at a time, making it an all day job. The new location allows several units to pick up the mail simultaneously," said Capt. Aaron Even, Postal Officer in Charge.

Official mail is available seven days a week along with providing money orders.

Unit mail room pick up is

from 4:30 to 9:30 a.m. Zulu.

They are open from 4:30 to 11:30a.m. Zulu, and Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:30 to 7:30 a.m. Zulu.

Services provided every-day includes insured, certified and registered mail. Packages may also be mailed priority or space available mail.

For more information on postal services or unit mail clerk classes, call 318-231-4602.

## 2002 Christmas Mailing Dates

To ensure mail will be delivered in time for the holidays, it is suggested that cards or letters going to Central or Southwest Asia be mailed by Dec. 7. Parcel airlift mail should go out Dec. 2, and space available mail should be shipped no later than Nov. 20.

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gion came to the opening ceremony of the Konduz Women's Organization to give encouragement and to show their support for women rights."

The organization is comprised of many sections. The primary purpose of these sections is to support and train women in culturally accepted employment roles. Such roles include the tailoring of clothes, the weaving of lace, sweaters, and rugs, the dying of material, and kitchen operations.

"Organizations such as this are good for women in so many ways," said Sema. "It not only gives the women an opportunity to create products and generate income for themselves, it gives them an opportunity to get out of the house. The Taliban and less educated men believe that women must not leave their home. Being confined to the house wasn't very useful for anyone. Being able to be here, working and teaching, are useful for everyone and for our society."

A few years ago, the KWO was destroyed inside and out because it was declared illegal. The Coalition Humanitarian Li-



Photo by Spc. Renee Mahan, 300th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment  
**Children in kindergarten class at the Konduz Women's Organization listen closely to their teacher.**

aision Cell in Konduz, part of the Coalition Joint Civil Military Operations Task Force in Kabul, helped build a whole new infrastructure for the group.

The CHLC's mission is to access humanitarian assistance needs in the Konduz region in support of the overall military mission and Afghanistan government.

"The KWO is one of many projects taken on by the CHLC-Konduz," said, Maj. Bill Mandrick, a Civil Military Operations officer with the 401<sup>st</sup> CA Bn, assigned to the CHLC in Konduz. "It's great to actually see the fruit of our labor.

The people here feel liberated, especially the women. We rid them of the Taliban and now we're rebuilding their nation."

"I am very thankful for all the CHLC has done for us. We could never thank them enough," said Sema. "Our organization is self-sufficient and maintained by selling our products on the local economy. Major sources of our income are the intricately woven rugs that are created day in and day out."

Sema is not only deputy director of the KWO, she's also head of the kindergarten department, another of the organization's many sections.

"Many of the women here are teachers and a main focus for our organization is the education of our children," she said.

More than 400 children attend the KWO kindergarten, where they are taught Dari, math, art and special crafts. School is in session six days a week for five hours.

"With so many children, it's difficult to supply materials for them all," Sema explained. "People in America have been so helpful. They've sent books, pens, pencils, paper and countless other supplies for these children."

Mandrick has even had schools from his hometown send boxes of school supplies.

"As Americans, it's unreal that we would not be allowed to go to school," Mandrick said. "I can't imagine these young children not having that chance. Our team being at this school shows them that people all over the world are willing to help them."

"We work hard everyday not just for ourselves, but the future of our society," Sema said. "I am very thankful for all that the CHLC has done for us. I'm happy that they see what an important part women play in the rebuilding of a nation."

## HIND SIGHT

**1861**

Western Union completes the first transcontinental telegraph line.

**1901**

Anna Edson Taylor goes over Niagara Falls in a wooden barrel, initiating a stunt tradition.

**1934**

Mohandas Gandhi resigns as leader of the Indian nationalist Congress Party, disillusioned by its use of civil disobedience as a political expedient rather than a fundamental principle.

**1945**

The United Nations (UN) formally comes into existence.

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away in metropolitan Washington, D.C. Martha Tebbenkamp, a spokeswoman for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Seattle, said a joint task force of ATF and FBI agents were "on site" because of "a link to events in the Washington, D.C., area."

### Michael Jordan lawsuit accuses woman of extortion

**CHICAGO**—Attorneys for NBA superstar Michael Jordan files a lawsuit Wednesday accusing a woman of attempting to extort \$5 million from him in exchange for keeping quiet about a relationship they had more than 10 years ago. The lawsuit conceded the NBA superstar and the woman had a "relationship," but did not go into details. The suit also alleges that the woman was paid \$250,000 by Jordan "under threat of publicly exposing the relationship." The suit was filed by Jordan's attorneys against Karla Knafel in Cook County Circuit Court in Chicago, the city where Jordan became a legend with the Bulls, leading them to six NBA championships in the 1990s. Jordan, 39, is seeking a "trial by jury on all issues," according to the suit.

### Bagram Air Base MWR movies

The Bagram Air Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff present "Behind Enemy Lines" tonight at 1530Z at the MWR building. Tomorrow's movie will be "Scorpion King," showing at the same time.



## Local weather

### TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<b>Bagram:</b>	Showers H: 73F L: 41F	Partly cloudy H: 72F L: 43F
<b>Kandahar:</b>	Dusty H: 79F L: 46F	Haze H: 82F L: 50F
<b>Kabul:</b>	Showers H: 68F L: 41F	Partly cloudy H: 70F L: 43F
<b>Uzbekistan:</b>	Mostly cloudy H: 73F L: 46F	Mostly cloudy H: 66F L: 38F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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# COALITIONSPORTSZONE

## The Day in Sports

(Compiled from ESPN.com)

### Report: Howe to manage Mets

The New York Mets and Art Howe have agreed on a four-year, \$9.4 million deal to make the Oakland manager the new skipper for the Mets, the *New York Daily News* reported Wednesday night.

"It's done," one source told the newspaper. "The Mets' people were really impressed with Howe and they obviously proved that by giving him a four-year deal."

The Mets are prohibited from announcing Howe's hiring because of baseball commissioner Bud Selig's moratorium on major announcements during the World Series.

Howe and his agent, Alan Nero, arrived in New York late Tuesday and spent Wednesday in closed-door sessions with the Mets.

The agreement ends a three-week managerial search for the Mets that began on Oct. 1 with the firing of manager Bobby Valentine and continued with a one-sided flirtation with the Mariners' Lou Piniella.

The A's permitted Howe to make this deal even though he had a year remaining on his contract, which would have paid him \$1.5 million in Oakland.

Piniella had reportedly wanted to be allowed to speak with the Mets about their vacancy, but the Mariners – for whom he managed the past 10 seasons – never reached an agreement with New York over compensation that would have allowed that to happen. Piniella is expected to manage his hometown Tampa Bay Devil Rays next season. The A's are expected to promote bench coach Ken Macha, who has interviewed with several teams that have managerial vacancies, to manager.

### Lerner had business skills, hands-off approach

**CLEVELAND** — Billionaire Al Lerner, who used his wealth from banking, real estate and credit-card giant MBNA Corps. to buy the Cleveland Browns, died Wednesday night. He was 69.

Lerner's death was confirmed by a team spokesman, who asked that his name not be used. A cause of death was not immediately available.

Lerner underwent surgery in May 2001, reportedly to remove a brain tumor. In June, he said he had been in and out of the hospital during the past year.

"The Browns have suffered a great loss," the team said Wednesday. "Al Lerner was a remarkable man – exceptionally devoted to his family, a tremendously compassionate person, and a trusted and valued friend. A regular visitor to the Browns' suburban training facility to see the team he brought back to Cleveland in 1998, Lerner was rarely around the past few months."

### 2002 Bowl Championship Series

TEAM	TOTAL
1.Oklahoma	3.92
2.Miami (Fla.)	6.41
3.Notre Dame	7.07
4.Virginia Tech	8.63
5.Georgia	8.69
6.Ohio State	8.89
7.Washington St.	19.44
8.Michigan	19.83
9.LSU	20.71
10.Texas	21.37
11.N.C. State	22.52
12.Florida State	26.79
13.Iowa	29.09
14.USC	31.16
15.Oregon	35.02



### Dorsey among finalists for award

**LOUISVILLE, Ky.** – Miami quarterback Ken Dorsey was selected Wednesday as one of five finalists for the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award, presented the nation's top senior college quarterback.

The other finalists are Byron Leftwich of Marshall, Seneca Wallace of Iowa State, Carson Palmer of Southern California and Dave Ragone of Louisville.

Dorsey has completed 96 of 177 passes for 1,406 yards and 16 touchdowns for the top-ranked Hurricanes.

Leftwich has thrown for the most yards and touchdowns among the finalists, connecting on 168 of 254 passes for 2,314 yards and 17 TDs.

Palmer has passed for 1,981 yards and 13 TDs while completing 164 of 272 attempts for the Trojans.

Wallace has hit on 128 of 214 passes for 1,844 yards and 11 TDs. Ragone has completed 128 of 235 passes for 1,653 yards and 12 touchdowns.

The winner will be announced Dec. 4. David Carr of Fresno State, who was later taken first overall in the NFL draft by the Houston Texans, won the award last year.

# Lightning remain NHL's lone unbeaten

**COLUMBUS**, Ohio – A year ago, the Tampa Bay Lightning probably would have folded after falling behind 2-0 in the opening nine minutes.

Instead, the Lightning (4-0-2-0) are the only team still unbeaten in the NHL.

Columbus' Geoff Sanderson scored twice in the first period, but the Lightning came back from a two-goal deficit for the third time this season to salvage a 2-2 tie Wednesday night.

"Guys believe they can score goals and we can come back on teams," said Dave Andreychuk, who had a power-play goal 12 seconds into the third period to close the scoring.

It also doesn't hurt to have Nikolai Khabibulin in goal. He had 24 saves – many of them in heavy traffic on shots from the wings.

"We were able to battle back," Khabibulin said. "We didn't take them lightly. We knew coming in here that they're a hardworking team, especially playing at home. It was just one of those games."

Sanderson, who scored an empty-netter in a 4-1 win over Florida on Saturday night, connected on his only two shots of opening period to give him three goals in as many shots.

He scored an even-strength goal two minutes in, skating from the corner, decking Vaclav Prospal and then sliding the puck between Khabibulin's leg pads.

"He's a great goalie. He's probably one of the best in the league – I'm sure he's in the top three or four," Sanderson said. "He probably would have liked to have that first one back. It was kind of a weak goal."

At 8:22, Sanderson notched his third goal of the season when he redirected Andrew Cassels' shot from a hard angle on the power play.

It was the sixth game in a row this season that the Blue Jackets have scored a power-play goal, setting a franchise record.

## 2002 World Series

*San Francisco vs. Anaheim*

**Oct. 19**

San Francisco 4, Anaheim 3, Giants lead 1-0

**Oct. 20**

Anaheim 11, San Francisco 10, Series tied 1-1

**Tuesday**

Anaheim 10, San Francisco 4, Angels lead 2-1

**Today**

Anaheim at San Francisco

**Thursday**

Anaheim at San Francisco

**Saturday**

San Francisco at Anaheim, if necessary

**Sunday**

San Francisco at Anaheim, if necessary

## Giants rally to tie series

David Bell hit a tiebreaking single off rookie sensation Francisco Rodriguez in the eighth inning and the Giants rallied past the Anaheim Angels 4-3 Wednesday night, tying the World Series at two games each.

Somehow, the Giants slowed down Anaheim's persistent hitters. And then, the biggest surprise of all: They broke through against Mr. Unhittable and posted San Francisco's first Series win at home since 1962.

"I was just trying to get a pitch over the plate I could hit hard," Bell said. "He has great stuff and he's been doing a good job."

Rodriguez had blown away all 12 San Francisco hitters he faced in the Series until J.T. Snow singled to start the eighth. Snow moved up on Bengie Molina's passed ball, but stayed put when first baseman Scott Spiezio made a sensational, diving catch on Reggie Sanders' foul bunt.

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*"Hey Sgt. Maj., I saw you on the History Channel last night. They had a special on the Civil War."*

By Kevin Kilgore

*Laugh Support*

